

REMARKS

Examiners Bland and Jiang are thanked for their courtesy in granting the undersigned an interview earlier today, on May 12, 2008.

At the interview, the pending claims of the application were discussed, and the undersigned reiterated that these claims are patentable over the cited art.

In addition, certain possible claim amendments were discussed, and these claim amendments had been incorporated into the pending claims. Full support for these amendments can be found, *inter alia*, in the specification at page 11 and in the examples.

With respect to the Yoshida reference, this reference appears to disclose a product that includes only -1, 4 and -1, 6 bonds, not 1-2 or 1-3 linking bonds.

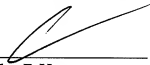
With regard to the Meyer and Fouache et al. references, neither reference discloses a product having the digestibility as claimed in the new claims.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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